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From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [mike.tibbles@alaska.gov]
Sent: Saturday, June 30, 2007 5:36 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: Re: budget

Since Karen is out, I will need to use Joan and her staff to help pull backup information. I am somewhat frustrated because Meg knew she would be out and that Sharon would be traveling; however they would not help me put a comprehensive plan in place to 1) make sure we have the necessary staff to get the job done and 2) roll out the budget (not just a press release but a plan for op eds, letters, and communication outreach including the use of our commissioners and their press staff.

As expected, we are now scrambling.

Our press office refused serius consideration of anyone new. You and I worked out the plan to recruit in the paper, hire Mark, and then hire Dan to help us. If we would not have insisted on that, just think about the position we would be in. I have a resume I would like to share with you as well as talk about how I think we could make some improvements in communications.

I believe Dimond was a booster request and did not come in through the district. We tried to model the school district reimbursement program where the duistrict goes to the voters for major projects and then the state reimburses the district 70% of the cost. Juneau did that and Chugiak did basically something similar but through a different mechanism.

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To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)

Sent: Sat Jun 30 17:14:24 2007

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To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: budget

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Mike

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Sent: Sat Jun 30 14:59:25 2007

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Perhaps education could talk with the school district folks to see where the project is. I don't know if it was Dimond or south but the booster club got way out in front and did not know how much the project would cost. Yet another to work through the school district on priorities and going through the state debt reimbursement program. I am not certain who the legislator is. Mike let me know how I can help from here! KJR

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I talked to mark earlier and he is working on an op ed. I left a message with Craig Campbell about an op ed countering Begich (troop deployment) and I talked to Kevin Meyer's staff and will follow up with Kevin about sending in a piece about how well Anchorage did this year.

I will call Hollis. I think the Democrats are being too political for it to do much good but at least we will be able to tell folks that we already cleared that up.

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To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: Re: Ethics Bill ASAP

We do have the ethics bill. Bitney confirmed that he received it. Getting the budget ready took so much effort that I personally was happy that we did not have another thing on our plate that day. We can sign it anytime now. Kris is helping me work out a schedule for the bill signings. We will get a bunch done tuesday. Also, the Senate just sent us more but we have time to schedule those later. I will pull a team of me, Kris, Dan, and Chris Clark together to work out a plan for the rest.

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To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

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Sent: Sat Jun 30 15:43:20 2007

Subject: Ethics Bill ASAP

Tibs: what did bitney do with the ethics bill? Remember he said he was having it fed exd up - did he do that and did he set up the ceremony for it to be signed as I asked him to do?

The past weeks of distractions and spill-over in the Leg Liason office warrant the action that must be taken for our administration to better serve the public.

I trust the other 18 bills to be signed are all ready to go, per bitney's assurances that legislators and paperwork are all ready to go. The ceremonies all set and all is in order before the bills' due dates? That was his responsibility- not yours or Kris or anyone elses.

Do folks agree now that it would have been ideal to sign Ethics with legislators when we rolled out vetoes? Too bad the bill wasn't ready that day.

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From: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV) [erika.fagerstrom@alaska.gov]
Sent: Saturday, June 30, 2007 10:57 AM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: FYI House Dates

Hello Governor,

The House will be closed July 3-5 of next week (no events scheduled) plus the window contractor is not sched. on those dates. IF he calls to say he wants to work-I'll be there!!

I'm excited for you to have calendar access via your bberry- What a huge help that will be during your day of appts & events!!

Enjoy your weekend!

Thanks,

Erika

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)

Sent: Fri Jun 29 22:36:58 2007

Subject: Re: House

You're awesome Erika. Thank you so much.

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From: "Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)" <erika.fagerstrom@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 29 Jun 2007 14:07:21

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: RE: House

Hello Governor,

I'm sure you can relate- that when everyone's asleep at home- you can actually concentrate on what you're doing, so that was part of the reason for the late night.

The contractor hasn't been by today, but I'll let you know what he has to say when I do see him. That's horrible that Willow received a threat from someone in Juneau! I will certainly be covering your family in prayer and that God would give you and Todd wisdom in the decisions concerning your family.

" A man's mind plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps and makes them sure"
Proverbs 16:9

I pray for God's wisdom as you ask for His guidance and direction regarding what's best for you and your family this coming year. I pray that God will fill you with a confidence in those decisions as you obey Him and that He will strengthen you to walk firmly and boldly into the plans He has for you, the State and your family. That the darts that would try to steal precious time and energy would fall to the side as you plow through the different areas and issues that need plowing and that he'd continue to give you His peace & strength.

Just wanted to add that- I won't be the obnoxious lady sending you the Jesus emails and quoting scripture left & right and meddling in your business. You're the Governor, I'm the House Manager- not your Pastor/Spiritual Advisor, etc... This is and will be a very rare exception that I'll go on like this. Promise! :)

At the staff meeting today I stressed once again the importance of us maintaining a high level of confidentiality. The staff could clearly see the lack of judgment in sending out the email with information regarding your family. Privileged agrees wholeheartedly that it was a bad decision, and has stated once again that there was no malicious intent on her part. I did stress that this was very serious and unnecessarily robbed valuable time from taking care of important

My take is that I'm getting the House ready for the start of the school year, regardless of rumors or if you and Todd decide to enroll the kids in Wasilla--the House will be ready! We're doing our best to keep this window restoration project on schedule, so as far as the contractor knows I want it ready for the school year. No ones business who's in the House- that's the time frame we've set for the project.

Please let me know if there is anything that you need!

Thank you,

Erika

"What happens in the House, stays in the House"

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Cc: Todd Palin

Subject: Re: House

Thank you Erika and don't lose any more sleep over this - so strange that rumors fly the way they do. I'm torn between wanting to correct the reporter's and Privil's comments or just deciding it should not be anyone's business where my kids go to school so I won't comment at all about the issue.

Please ask that contractor where he heard the girls were enrolled in Wasilla? Piper and Willow are not, but the reaction to the rumors that "we're not coming back" (as was evidently written in Privil's email that the reporter wrote about) is so unsettling that - especially for Todd- that it's tempting to protect these kids from the ugly aspect of the spotlight and just let them try to live a more normal life that they're used to in their hometown.

Between the events surrounding reaction to a sensible move to cut back Stef's hours and a recent very, very ugly threat Willow received from a Juneau girl - it's not been a good couple of days on the family front.

Privile was wrong to send an email claiming we're not coming back - not only was it incorrect but it obviously violated privacy issues relating to my family. Very disappointing, but what's done is done and the episode will give Todd and me an opportunity to consider what would be best for our kids next year - considering the reaction resulting from this episode.

Thanks Erika. And I know you understand the time constraints I've been under with the state budget items being vetoed and finalized in just a few hours from now - in addition to many others issues on the administration's plate.

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Hello Governor,

I apologize that a member of the House staff gave out any

Today a contractor told me that he'd heard that the Palin family might not be returning and that the kids had been enrolled in the Wasilla school district & not Jnu. AND then proceeded to ask me if this was true.

I called the House staff tonight and used the contractor question from tonight and Privileged's email incident to spring board into a conversation on the urgency and importance of making sure that all information that we are privy to is strictly confidential. Confidentiality has always been stressed with the staff at the Governor's House but with everything happening I told them that I felt that a phone call from me was necessary to enforce our long standing policies- especially in light of the recent events with the email and the article.

When I talked to Diane, she mentioned that she was sent an email. She read it to me- and it mentioned that the Palin family would not be returning until the fall. I'm not sure if I would've even been aware of the reporter/interview/email situation if I hadn't approached Privileged after her phone call with Mike and asked her what was happening- even then it took a phone call and more questions to kind of put it together and a phone call to Diane (after you & I talked).

As for the House schedule- it is common knowledge with the contractor/workers that the your family will not be in Juneau the month of July due to the window project and that

I wanted to let you know that 1.) I talked to the staff tonight and a strong point was made coming from me w. no reflection on anything/anyone else and 2.)I'm sorry for my part- in not doing a better job- in protecting your privacy and that of your family. I never would've expected the House to be a source of negative press. Ugh!

Erika